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WE SELL STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR.

THE LEGISLATURE. The Members Taking it Easy at the Capital.

MORE OPPOSITION
MEMBERS NEEDED.

Little business of importance has
been done in the legislature during
the past week; the members seem-
ingly having exhausted themselves in
the debate on the address in reply to
the speech from the throne. Still,
however, the private members may
be to discuss legislation, their in-
clination is restricted by action of the
government which regulates the busi-
ness of the House by the manner in
which it introduces its measures.
Although the third week of the ses-
sion has now passed the government
has not yet its business in shape. On
Friday five government bills were on
the order paper for second reading,
but not one of them was read, because
not one of them was printed. Indeed,
business would not have suffered had
a week's vacation been taken.

There is not the slightest justifica-
tion for such delay. The government's
programme is not so lengthy that it
could not easily have been presented
before this. The truth is that the min-
isters have been negligent. If there
was a numerically strong opposition,
inclined also to adopt obstructionist
tactics, it might be pleaded that the
administration was being hampered.
But two of an opposition cannot ham-
per a solid phalanx of twenty-two.
Besides there has been nothing to
criticise. One can only conclude that
the so-called work of law-making in
this legislature is somewhat of a farce,
the ridiculousness of which has only es-
caped the censure it deserved through
the numerical weakness of the oppo-
sition adequately to represent the true
situation.

Next week there will probably be a
round of legislation for it is rumored
that the government expects to con-
clude the session about the fifteenth of
February. The game is thus quite
apparent. The real legislation is not
considered until the fourth week of
the session, when it is proposed to
bring it along with a rush. Two
critics, which it must be remembered,
are the only real critics in the House,
must soon be worn out and from the
very nature of conditions much legis-
lation will be shot through without
proper consideration. An election bill,
a redistribution bill, bills guaranteeing
railway bonus for large amounts, to
say nothing of the estimates, are
matters which merit deliberate
consideration.

In a House where the critics are
numerous it would be impossible to
crowd such measures together, much
less in a House where the critics are
so few.
By the number of questions which
they have placed upon the order paper
Messrs. Robertson and Hiebert have
given evidence that they intend to
elicit full information respecting pub-
lic affairs. The questions cover the
purchase of the Bell Telephone sys-
tem, the issue of provincial bonds, the
purchase of supplies, seed grain dis-
tribution and the liquor license admin-
istration. Reports received from differ-
ent parts of the province indicate that
the liquor business has been shame-
fully underpaid. It is stated that the
state has excellent authority that
licenses have been deprived of their
privileges to the extent of to become
active political agents. It has also
been alleged that the police have re-
ceived instructions not to proceed
against certain offenders against the
Liquor License Act. Mr. Hiebert
put the question point blank to the
government; the Attorney General
replied, "No," promising to give a
written statement later. The seed
grain return asked for by Mr. Robert-
son will be awaited with interest by
farmers. It is well known that the
governments of Alberta and Saskat-
chevan purchased a great deal more
seed grain than was necessary. This, it
is said, has been sold at a considerable
loss. It being estimated that the
governments have lost \$200,000 on the
business.
During the week the government
has been besieged by deputations from
all over the province requesting rail-
ways. These have been brought out
through the announcement that on
the strength of a considerable bond
guaranteed by the government, the C.
N.R. and G.T.P. will build many miles
of branch lines during the present
year. For all the good they will effect
the deputations might as well have re-
mained at home. The government is
tied up to the C.N.R. and G.T.P., for
they are the only companies that will
accept a bond guarantee. They have
had their systems outlined for some
time, and in building will be influence-
d by the prospect of business rather
than by political consideration or the
needs of the settlers. If the example
of Saskatchewan is any criterion, Al-
berta will pay dearly for what it gets
from these companies; for in their
agreements with the neighboring pro-
vince the companies are practically
unbound by restrictions of importance.
The indications are that an election
is not far distant. Aside from the fact
that the term of the Legislature ex-
pires this year, the miles being held
in different parts are evidence of im-
portant developments. It is likely
that the government will appeal to
the country within a short time after
prolongation, relying upon its railway
policy to sweep the province. Such a
move would be quite natural. Just
now soon an election will follow, will
depend to some extent upon the time
required to set the election machinery
in operation. In the meantime, it is
not likely within the Cabinet. There
are rumors of a disagreement between
Cross and Cushing. There is a well-
defined impression that whether suc-
cessful or not in his appeal to the
country, Premier Robertson will not
long remain in active politics. His
successor will be either Cushing or
Cross. The latter is considered to be
the politician of the Cabinet and being
younger and more energetic, to say
nothing of being strongly ambitious,
will hardly give place to the commis-
sioner of public works. Time alone will
reveal the true state of affairs.

Men's Mass Meeting.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. J.
L. Crawford addressed the Men's
Mass Meeting in the Baptist
church, and took as his subject
"Representative Government."
"Law is fundamental," said
the speaker, "and in nature the
good predominates, as for ex-
ample the over ruling sun. So in
man, mind and reason should
govern the natural lusts. It is
impossible to disregard conscience.
In the administration of law there
must always be a supreme. There
must be a captain for the ship, a
physician in case of sickness, and
so in every department of human
life.

Representative government is
a people's government. No one
class ought to be represented at
the expense of any other. Equal
right and liberties for all, and
privileges for none, must be the
motto."

Mr. Crawford then emphasized
clearly what he termed the rights
of the people, as relating to the
administrations of government.
First there is a public meeting.
Here it is possible to discuss,
criticize, and even censure, the
acts of any cabinet, no matter
how apparently powerful. This
is one of the greatest privileges
of the people, and should be
wisely appreciated.

Then there is the right to
petition. This also is capable of
large influence, and is possessed
of incalculable merit as a deter-
rent of unwise legislation.

Again there are the commis-
sioners, which are appointed
from time to time; the reports of
which no parliament can afford
to ignore.

Again there is the Court of
Exchequer, accessible to the
humblest subject, where action
can be instituted against the
Crown.

Finally there remains the press,
the columns of which are open
for free discussion and expression
upon all matters of public con-
cern.

Mr. Crawford urged that as the
state did exceedingly much for
every individual so each unit
should awake to a sense of im-
perative individual responsibility.

A lively discussion followed
which developed the problem of
interesting the ordinary citizen in
great potential value as a unit
of Empire. Mr. Crawford's ad-
dress was one of the best yet
given under the Mass Meeting
auspices.

Everyone should come next
Sunday afternoon to hear the ad-
dress of Mr. Hutton, a U. S.
school teacher, upon "Socialism
from the inside."

Indian Industrial School Notes.

Miss Latam, who has had
charge of the Sewing room at the
School, in the absence of Miss
Slack has returned home. The
staff gave a little surprise party
in her honor on Friday night at
Mr. Kendall's.

The entertainment given at the
School on Tuesday night by the
Boys' Star Club was a great suc-
cess. They were received hilari-
ously by all in their costumes
representing different shades and
nations.

Red Deer vs. Olds.

Red Deer hockey boys took a
special train to Olds on Thursday
night last when they went down
to play the club of that place.
About ninety went from town and
more were picked up at the differ-
ent stations. The game was a
fast one and a good one to watch,
although there was quite a lot of
tripping and slugging on both
sides. The ice was in good
shape, but the lights were rather
poor, especially for the goal-
keepers, who had a lot of hard
shots to stop. At first Olds seem-
ed to be away the best team, but
the locals stayed with it and play-
ed a hard game. Olds scored 7
goals in the first half, and Red
Deer 4. M. Beckett scoring 3 of
the goals for Red Deer and
McCutcheon the other. After
half the locals showed better form
and McCutcheon and Porter, by
some good combination, quickly
scored 2 more goals, but Mann,
who played a great game in goal
for Olds, prevented them from
again scoring, and the Olds
forwards by some fast rushes
scored 3 more, which made the
score 10-8 in favor of Olds at
time. Clayton in goal played a
splendid game in the last half,
and W. Beckett played a steady
defence game. The Olds players
say it was the fastest game they
have played in this season. There
were fewer penalties than there
ought to have been, the Olds
players not being penalized at all,
and Red Deer players 3 times.
The snow around the rink made
it very uncomfortable for the
onlookers. A good time was re-
ported by all who took in the ex-
cursion, and although the hockey
team did get defeated, they play-
ed a good game. The teams
were:

Red Deer	goal	Clayton
Mann	point	W. Beckett
Cutton	cover	Mann
Davey	rover	M. Beckett
Rowland	centre	McCutcheon
Wakley	rt. wing	Brumpton
Shields	lf. wing	Porter
Scott	Referee	Dan Smith.

Curling Notes.

R. B. Welliver, after an excit-
ing game with Mark Hanna,
carried off the Red Deer cup last
week, having defeated seven of
the nine rinks he had to play.
Several rinks made a good
second.

The Stephenson cup draw is
now being played. Owing to
there being ten rinks, the first
draw consisted of two rinks,
namely:

Payne vs. Drake.	Goetz vs. Stephenson.
Payne and Stephenson won,	and the second draw was:
Brumpton vs. Welliver.	Payne vs. Hanna.
Stephenson vs. Clark.	Humber vs. Carswell.

In this draw Stephenson and
Carswell have defeated Clark
and Humber, and the other two
are yet to be played.

The single competition is not
yet finished.

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advantage of our wonderful offer. Come
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1909.

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The right to devote their school taxes to separate schools of their own liking is a cherished right which in Canada has been granted to them as the result of centuries of negotiation and concession by the state, or by the majority, with a religious community to which two fifths of our population belong, and which is especially tenacious of its belief that the education of children should be primarily religious rather than secular.

The position taken by the News is that in this new country we should not be shackled with old traditions that might apply to Quebec or Ontario. We would never have had separate schools in the west but for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his friends in Quebec. It was Sir Wilfrid himself and the Liberal party that did away with separate schools in Manitoba. The cherished rights of the Roman Catholic church was not then in evidence to any great extent.

British Columbia has no separate schools. Nova Scotia with its solid Liberal majority voted to a man to foist separate schools on the people of the west and were very anxious to consider these cherished rights for the Church of Rome, but if such a thing had been done in their own province they would have risen in rebellion.

We contend the Dominion Government had no right according to the British North America Act to force separate schools on us, the question should have been left with the Provincial government. Provincial rights demand that each province shall regulate its own educational affairs as it sees fit. The people of the west want no legislation, no special privileges for any church, sect, institution or nationality. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Manitoba all fought for the right to manage their own educational affairs, and won. The government of Alberta, had they the power, we believe, would have done as the Liberal Government of Manitoba did exercise their constitutional rights and abolished separate schools in the interests of the west. By the Autonomy Bill Sir Wilfrid Laurier violated the constitution in passing a Dominion law forcing Separate Schools on Alberta and the Alberta Government were a party to the transaction because they were afraid to oppose the powers that be at Ottawa. The News has ever stood for fair play to the West, and believes in a national system, one flag, one language and one school, and we believe that on this ground all classes and creeds can stand together.

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stocks, bank stocks, or land profits, right into a cooked hat. Didn't it?

The Toronto Globe says "the future of the Dominion is now assured financially, as it is in other respects, if the general policy maintained for the whole country is cautiously and intelligently progressive." Then Mr. Fiddling goes to England and borrows another \$30,000,000.

"THE BLOOD STAINED SENATE."

(Toronto Telegram.)

The obstructionist Senate of Canada has twice or three prevented favorable action on the Lancaster Bill designed to avert such tragedies as the slaughter of five people on a level crossing near Grimsby.

"The blood stained Senate" is a term that might well be employed in describing the assembly of ancients at Ottawa.

A public journal should not excite itself over the mere question of preserving human life.

Canada ought to be roused by editorial descriptions of the Senate in all the red guilt of its failure to legislate against level crossings.

Such a description would turn the placid souls of mild eyed journalists like the Hamilton Herald into the source of objections to "an outburst of hysteria."

The tragedy at Grimsby crossing is enough to throw honest hearted Canadian men, women and newspapers into hysterics. Canada is cursed with a tribe of mealy mouthed apologists for iniquity, a race of namby-pamby newspapers. Accordingly it is good to hear E. A. Lancaster, M. P. officiating as the voice of Canada's vain regrets that the G. T. R. did not kill a sleigh load of innocent people at its Grimsby crossing on Saturday morning.

It is a pity that the Senate of Canada could not be divided into committee, and each committee be compelled to hold its deliberations on a level crossing. Thus the country might get rid of either the Senate or the level crossings. This would be some slight mitigation of present conditions. These conditions require the people of Canada to contribute their money to the up keep of level crossings.

Earthquake Reports

Wildly Exaggerated.

Barcelona Uninjured and Only 75 Killed on Morocco Coast.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—Communication with Southern Spain is uninterrupted and reports emanating from England relative to the disastrous earthquake and tidal wave at Barcelona are untrue. There was a slight earthquake in Totana province at Murcia, but no serious damage was done. It was reported that the moment the earthquake occurred the sun was obscured, followed by hail stones the size of walnuts, which covered the ground to a depth of several centimetres.

Paris, Jan. 31.—A news agency despatch received via Gibraltar says that 50 to 75 people perished by an earthquake followed by a landslide at Romara, on the Morocco coast. It is feared the fatalities were greater in the more remote sections. Reports are meagre.

Judge Cassel's Report.

Montreal Witness: The most important passage in the long important report of Judge Cassel is where he says that putting the fisheries department into business hands would effect a saving of \$1 million dollars a year, and he hints that a similar saving might be effected in other departments. In the reserve of judicial language he says the people's money in each of the departments would be the very least part of the public gain by a change which would eliminate these corrupt dealings. Far more important is the fearful demoralization of public servants that inevitably develops under it and which those who seek dealings with the departments tell us, with what truth we do not know, is found throughout the service down to the bottom. But ever the demoralization of public servants is not the worst. Worse far is the example set and the lesson taught to the whole nation and the general contempt for government which the common knowledge of those things breeds. Judge Cassel did not advise an investigation similar to his own into the other departments. It was not his business to do so, and he had not any evidence on which to base such advice. But when in advising an independent purchasing agency, he says: "Are there no other departments of government which could be dealt with in the same manner?" he comes very near to making such a suggestion. Surely it is time for a clean sweep. That ministers are incapable of making this sweep themselves is fully proved by the history of the department that has been the subject of inquiry. That the system of judicial inquiry should be made general, and probably in some shape permanent, is the general demand from all the conditions and this is practically advised. With regard to ministers, Judge Cassel got no evidence from witnesses that could be accounted trustworthy against any present or past. What will be accepted with greater confidence in fact without a shade of misgiving, is the assurance that nothing but the grossest public neglect governed the course of Hugh A. Allan and the light house board. The slur cast upon them by the former commission found no credence with the public.

Annual Vestry Meeting At Pine Lake.

The Annual Vestry Meeting took place at Holy Trinity Church on Jan. 24th. W. R. Charley and J. A. Pope were re-elected wardens for this year. The Vestry is: H. Raikes, R. Page, A. Pardoe, E. Wilson, H. Alford, H. Field, C. M. Wright, D. Colclough, Auditor E. Miligan; Lay delegate W. R. Charley. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$88.43.

The amount raised in the parish during the last nine months has equalled that raised in the preceding twelve months.

There will be need for more money this year than last to provide for an increased assessment on the parish of \$150 and for surveying the Church yard, which was expected to be completed last fall.

The question of providing kneelers for the Church and shelves for the Vestry was discussed and it was agreed to use no nails in future when decorating the Church owing to the harm done to the woodwork of the interior.

A notice board will shortly be put up at the Church yard stating that the graveyard may be used by all religious bodies but that the Church of England burial service must be used and the service be conducted by the Incumbent of the Church.

South African Veterans' Reunion.

Arrangements have been made to hold a reunion of the South African Veterans in Mooseomin, Sask., on March 1st.

The committee have left nothing undone to make this a successful year, and it promises to be one of the most successful functions of this nature ever held in Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have granted a special concession rate of one fare if one hundred attend, and the committee are assured of fully that number. Only those who have attended meetings of this kind are aware of the pleasure afforded by the meeting of many of their old comrades and renewing old times.

As this is probably the last time that many will be able to attend a reunion, owing to the great number taking advantage of the land warrants now in their possession, an extra attendance is assured.

A grand supper will be served in the City Hall, to which the popular Canadian officers and public men in the west are invited and as is customary at meetings of this nature, all veterans are asked to wear their medals and as many as possible to be in uniform.

As it is a difficult task to make complete arrangements, all veterans who intend to be present, are asked to correspond with the President of the Association at Mooseomin, from whom any information may be had.

Make a date with your comrades and have a good time with the crowd.

Charged With Horse Stealing.

The following case, which was reported in the Advocate, should be of vital interest to farmers, as many settlers will claim stray animals if they any way resemble their own, without proof, while others who have lost an animal will take up any stray they can find and trust to luck to carry them through. A farmer claiming an animal he cannot positively identify as his own lays himself open to the charge of a grave offence.

Mr. Justice Wallace was wrestling this week with a horse stealing case from Burnt Lake. S. Grimsom charged Hugh Kirkland with taking a yearling colt belonging to Grimsom. The evidence was very contradictory. Fred Fisher sold a colt to Kirkland in the fall of 1907, when it was very young, and he had seen it several times since, and he was

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reasonable sure this was the colt. Duncan Lamont, who worked for Fisher at the time the colt was sold, and who had since closely examined it, did not believe this was the colt. The colt was a black one, with a sore front foot and an old mark in the forehead. Thos. Hamilton who had treated the colt, said it belonged to Grimsom. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fitch, on whose place the colt had strayed, said that Kirkland's description to them of his colt did not tally with the colt on their place, though Kirkland took the colt away. Kirkland, however, and some neighbors were sure of their identification of this colt as Kirkland's. The magistrate gave weight, apparently, to the Fitch evidence and committed the accused for trial, taking bail in \$500, the accused in \$250 and two sureties in \$250 each. Moore & Irvine for the Crown and Mr. Crawford for defence.

February Clearing

There's several lines of Winter and Early Spring goods not wish to carry over for another year, and we let them deep.

Children's Bearskin Coats, Half-price.

There's about 10 left in the lot, and the prices run from \$2.75 up to \$6.00. Every coat is this year's make and perfect in every way, but we have made up our mind to clear them out quickly. Feb'y Sale, Half-price.

Wrapperettes, 7½c. Yd.

10 pieces in this lot—all this year's patterns—light and dark colors. Regular value 15c. yd.

February Sale Price, 7½c.

Men's Fleece Shirts, 35c.

2 doz. only Men's good Fleece-lined Shirts, sizes 40, 42 and 44. Regular value 65c.

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Ladies' Fancy Collars and Belts, 25c.

About 4 doz. in the lot, consisting of Silk and Fancy Wash Goods, lines running in value from 35c. up to 75c. All one Price Feb. Sale, 25c.

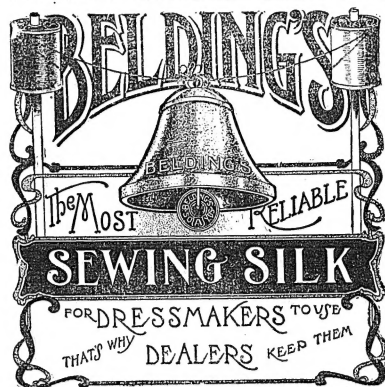
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The position taken by the News is that in this new country we should not be shackled with old traditions that might apply to Quebec or Ontario. We would never have had separate schools in the west but for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his friends in Quebec. It was Sir Wilfrid himself and the Liberal party that did away with separate schools in Manitoba. The cherished rights of the Roman Catholic church was not then in evidence to any great extent.

British Columbia has no separate schools. Nova Scotia with its solid Liberal majority voted to a man to foist separate schools on the people of the west and were very anxious to consider these cherished rights for the Church of Rome, but if such a thing had been done in their own province they would have risen in rebellion.

We contend the Dominion Government had no right according to the British North America Act to force separate schools on us, the question should have been left with the Provincial government. Provincial rights demand that each province shall regulate its own educational affairs as it sees fit. The people of the west want no class legislation, no special privileges for any church, sect, institution or nationality. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Manitoba all fought for the right to manage their own educational affairs, and won. The government of Alberta, had they the power, we believe, would have done as the Liberal Government of Manitoba did exercised their constitutional rights and abolished separate schools in the interests of the west. By the Autonomy Bill Sir Wilfrid Laurier violated the constitution in passing a Dominion law forcing Separate Schools on Alberta and the Alberta Government were a party to the transaction because they were afraid to oppose the powers that be at Ottawa. The News has ever stood for fair play to the West, and believes in a national system, one flag, one language and one school, and we believe that on this ground all classes and creeds can stand together.

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NO MORE EXTENSION ADVISABLE.

Notice has been given by the Red Deer Railway Company for an extension of their charter for two years, and the bill has been read a first time before the Legislative Assembly.

This is a proposed radial railway to be run presumably by electric power and to circumnavigate the town of Red Deer as it were, and had at incorporation G. W. Smith, J. J. Gaetz, F. W. Galbraith, W. A. Moore and J. C. Moore as the company named, and perhaps others.

We are opposed to the extension of this charter because we feel that it is detrimental to the best interests of Red Deer, and that it is not well to have a charter of this kind blanketed over privileges that much more likely companies might take up if there was an open field. The general public are becoming tired of the persistency with which the Moore family cling to the charters with which they are connected, and they are also tired of hearing promises which are never fulfilled.

That a snap verdict regarding extension of this charter is being secured is our firm conviction, and we enter a protest against the government extending the same.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Committee work in the legislature will open in earnest this week, and besides the numerous private bills in the hands of the various committees, the house will consider in committee of the whole, the election bill, and other important government measures. The redistribution bill, which was down for a second reading on Friday, but was held over until copies of the bill had come from the printers hands, will, it is expected, be today referred to for the purpose of framing the boundaries of the new constituencies.

Premier Rutherford will, during the week, be in attendance in Calgary, at the grain conference he has called for Wednesday and Thursday. It is probable Hon. W. T. Findlay, minister of agriculture, will also be absent from the house at this convention.

ONE TORY LEFT.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

Senator Loughheed charges Sir Wilfrid Laurier with bribery. Well, well, well! There is one Tory left in the Senate after all. Popular impression was that the Tories had just about disappeared.

It is stated the Senate is to be enlarged so as to give the west greater representation. Sir Wilfrid has intimated that he was desirous of giving 24 senators, as Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces have 24. If such a bill goes through it is altogether probable that John T. Moore M. P. for Red Deer will fill one of the seats. But there are already breakers ahead for such appointments for a bill has been presented to the house to make the senate elective to the extent of three fourths of the numbers. The term mentioned is for eight years. If such a bill becomes law it is to be hoped Senator Talbot is among the elective members so that the people who do not believe in a senator being a party organizer may get back at him.

Sifton's Fognhorn Company, says the Winnipeg Tribune, made signals for \$220 and sold them to the Government for \$4,000. So says Judge Cassels. Of course Clifford has gone out of the business. But, say, it beat railway

stocks, bank stocks, or land profits, right into a cooked hat. Didn't it?

The Toronto Globe says "the future of the Dominion is now assured financially, as it is in other respects, if the general policy maintained for the whole country is cautiously and intelligently progressive." Then Mr. Fielding goes to England and borrows another \$30,000,000.

"THE BLOOD STAINED SENATE."

(Toronto Telegram.)

The obstructionist Senate of Canada has twice or thrice prevented favorable action on the Lancaster Bill designed to avert such tragedies as the slaughter of 976 people on a level crossing near Grimby.

"The blood stained Senate" is a term that might well be employed in describing the assemblage of ancients at Ottawa.

A public journal should not excite itself over the mere question of preserving human life.

Canada ought to be roused by investigation descriptions of the Senate in all the red gull of its failure to legislate against level crossings.

Such a description would turn the placid souls of mild eyed journals like the Hamilton Herald into the source of objections to "an outburst of hysterics."

The tragedy at Grimby crossing is enough to throw honest hearted Canadian men, women and newspapers into hysterics. Canada is cursed with a tribe of mealy mouthed apologists for iniquity, a race of namby-pamby newspapers. Accordingly it is good to hear E. A. Lancaster, M. P. officiating as the voice of Canada's vain regrets that the G. T. R. did not kill a sleigh load of Senators instead of a sleigh load of innocent people at its Grimby crossing on Saturday morning.

It is a pity that the Senate of Canada could not be divided into committee, and each committee be compelled to hold its deliberations on a level crossing. Thus the country might get rid of either the Senate or the level crossings. This would be some slight mitigation of present conditions. These conditions require the people of Canada to contribute their money to the up keep of level crossings.

Earthquake Reports

Wildly Exaggerated.

Barcelona Uninjured and Only 75 Killed on Morocco Coast.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—Communication with Southern Spain is uninterrupted and reports emanating from England relative to the disastrous earthquake and tidal wave at Barcelona are untrue. There was a slight earthquake in Totana province at Murcia, but no serious damage was done. It was reported that the moment the earthquake occurred the sun was obscured, followed by hail stones the size of walnuts, which covered the ground to a depth of several centimetres.

Paris, Jan. 31.—A news agency despatch received via Gibraltar says that 50 to 75 people perished by an earthquake followed by a landslide at Romara, on the Morocco coast. It is feared the fatalities were greater in the more remote sections. Reports are meagre.

Judge Cassel's Report.

Montreal Witness: The most important passage in the long looked for report of Judge Cassels is where he says that putting the purchasing of the Marine and Fisheries department into business hands would effect a saving of a million dollars a year, and broadly hints that a similar saving might be effected in other departments. In the reason of judicial language he says the patronage system is in his opinion, wrong. Had he been speaking with colloquial freedom he would probably have said it was altogether rotten. The saving of a million or so of the people's money in each of the departments would be the very least part of the public gain by a change which would eliminate these corrupt dealings. Far more important is the fearful demoralization of public servants that inevitably develops under it and which those who seek dealings with the departments tell us, with what truth we do not know, is found throughout the service down to the bottom. But even the demoralization of public servants is not the worst. Worse far is the example set and the lesson taught to the whole nation and the general contempt for government which the common knowledge of those things breeds. Judge Cassels did not advise an investigation similar to his own into the other departments. It was not his business to do so, and he had not any evidence on which to base such advice. But when in advising an independent purchasing agency, he says: "Are there no other departments of government which could be dealt with in the same manner?" he comes as near as he may to such a suggestion. Surely it is time for a clean sweep. That ministers are incapable of making this sweep themselves is fully proved by the history of the department that has been the subject of inquiry. That the system of judicial inquiry should be made general, and probably in some shape permanent, is the general deduction from all the conditions and this last is practically advised. With regard to ministers, Judge Cassels got no evidence from witnesses that could be accounted trustworthy against any, present or past. What will be accepted with greater confidence in fact without a shade of misgiving, is the assurance that nothing but the purest public spirit governed the course of Hugh A. Allan and the light house beacon. The same was shown by the former commission found no credence with the public.

Annual Vestry Meeting At Pine Lake.

The Annual Vestry Meeting took place at Holy Trinity Church on Jan. 24th. W. R. Charley and J. A. Pope were re-elected wardens for this year. The Vestry is: H. Raikes, R. Page, A. Pardoe, E. Wilson, H. Alford, H. Field, C. M. Wright, D. Colclough, Auditor R. Miligan; Lay delegate W. R. Charley. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$96.43.

The amount raised in the parish during the last nine months has equalled that raised in the proceeding twelve months.

There will be need for more money this year than last to provide for an increased assessment on the parish of \$150 and for surveying the Church yard, which was expected to be completed last fall.

The question of providing kneelers for the Church and shelves for the Vestry was discussed and it was agreed to use no nails in future when decorating the Church owing to the harm done to the woodwork of the interior.

A notice board will shortly be put up at the Church yard stating that the graveyard may be used by all religious bodies but that the Church of England burial service was to be used and the service be conducted by the Incumbent of the Church.

South African Veterans' Reunion.

Arrangements have been made to hold a reunion of the South African Veterans in Moosomin, Sask., on March 1st.

The committee have left nothing undone to make this a success, and it promises to be one of the most successful functions of this nature ever held in Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have granted a special convention rate of one fare if one hundred attend, and the committee are assured of fully that public men in the west are invited and are aware of the pleasure afforded by the meeting of many of their old comrades and renewing old times.

As this is probably the last time that many will be able to attend a reunion, owing to the great number taking advantage of the land warrants now in their possession, an extra attendance is assured.

A grand supper will be served in the City Hall, to which the popular Canadian officers and public men in the west are invited and as is customary at meetings of this nature, all veterans are asked to wear their medals and as many as possible to be in uniform.

As it is a difficult task to make complete arrangements, all veterans who intend to be present, are asked to correspond with the president of the Association at Moosomin, from whom any information may be had.

Make a date with your comrades and have a good time with the crowd.

Charged With Horse Stealing.

The following case, which was reported in the Advocate, should be of vital interest to farmers, as many settlers will claim stray animals if they any way resemble their own, without proof, while others who have lost an animal will take up any stray they can find and trust to luck to carry them through. A farmer claiming an animal he cannot positively identify as his own lays himself open to the charge of a grave offence.

Mr. Justice Wallace was wrestling this week with a horse stealing case from Burnt Lake. S. Grimson charged Hugh Kirkland with taking a yearling colt belonging to Grimson. The evidence was very contradictory. Fred Fisher, who took the colt to Kirkland in the fall of 1907, when it was very young, and he had seen it several times since, and he was

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February Clearing Sale!

There's several lines of Winter and Early Spring goods which we do not wish to carry over for another year, and we have put the knife into them deep.

Children's Bearskin Coats, Half-price.

There's about 10 left in the lot, and the prices run from \$2.75 up to \$6.00. Every coat is this year's make and perfect in every way, but we have made up our mind to clear them out quickly. Feb'y Sale, Half-price.

Wrapperettes, 7½c. Yd.

10 pieces in this lot—all this year's patterns—light and dark colors. Regular value 15c. yd.

February Sale Price, 7½c.

Men's Fleece Shirts, 35c.

2 doz. only Men's good Fleece-lined Shirts, sizes 40, 42 and 44. Regular value 65c.

February Sale Price, 35c.

Ladies' Fancy Collars and Belts, 25c.

About 4 doz. in the lot, consisting of Silk and Fancy Wash Goods, lines running in value from 35c. up to 75c. All one Price Feb. Sale, 25c.

SALE OF REMNANTS.

One large table of Remnants of Silks, Muslins, Dress Goods, Ginghams, Prints, etc., ends which we have thrown out while taking our inventory. They are now all on sale at Half their Regular Value.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, 25c.

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1 Table of Dress Goods in Tweeds, Cashmires, Lustres and Plaids; assorted colors; all new goods. Values running from 35c. to 50c. yard.

February Sale Price, 25c.

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New Stock of Shoes.

We have now a complete stock of up-to-date Shoes in Children's, Misses', Boys', Youths', Ladies' and Men's wear, and our prices you will find will mean a big saving to you. Every pair is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Ask to see the lines we carry when you are in. We never tease anyone to buy.

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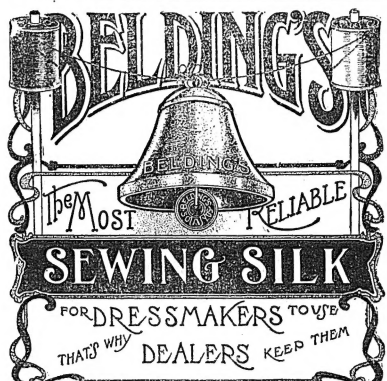
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